

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of David Coulson S1899 VA
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State of Tennessee } S.S.
White County }

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared before me Joseph Cummings an acting Justice of the peace for said County David Coulson a resident of said County aged about Eighty two years who first being duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7 1832 – that he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he volunteered under Captain Thomas Collier of the County of Charlotte Virginia. He thinks this was in 1775 but is not certain as to the year, nor the length of time for which he volunteered; but he remembers that he entered the service on the 4 day of May and continued till the 1st of December following. They went to “Guin’s Island” [sic: Gwynn Island, July 1776] against Governor Dunmore – they then were sent viz – the company to which he belonged, to the Long island of Holston [at present Kingsport TN] against the Cherokees, and were under the Command, either of Col Lewis or Col Morgan [Andrew Lewis]. They were both along and held the rank of Colonel – in this expedition. But whether Morgan or Lewis, he is not positive. He received no discharge, but was mustered out of service, as was then common with the militia.

Some time after this, (how long, he does not remember) he was drafted for three months in the said County of Charlotte, in the Company of Capt Thomas Williams, his lieutenant, he does not remember – his Ensign was Joseph Collier. The troops to which he belonged, went to Williamsburg, where they remained a short time. From there they went to the Town of Hampton. From thence they went to Portsmouth where he remained a short time and obtained a discharge from his Captain Thomas Williams. He was not in any battle during either term of service. Sometime after the expiration of his second term of service, he cannot say how long, he was again drafted for three months under Capt John Clayton of said County of Charlotte. William Price was the Lieutenant and Douglass Hancock [Douglas Hancock] the ensign. He went to Petersburg, where the troops (being four Companies as well as he recollects) remained about two months. They returned from Petersburg, in order to meet Lord Cornwallis, who was expected about that time [spring 1781]. However, he did not come as soon as was expected and the Company to which he belonged, were permitted to leave the service, as he thinks at this time he was mustered out of the service. He was afterwards drafted for three months making his fourth tour, From Charlotte County – and was under Captain Joseph Fuqua, in whose Company he was, at the Siege of York. After the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] he obtained a discharge from his Captain Joseph Fuqua. – He has no documentary evidence by which he can establish his service he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove the same.

Answers to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department and propounded by the magistrates.

- 1st He was born February 16th 1750 in Amelia County Va
2. He had a family Bible containing a Record of his age, but it has been lost or worn out. 3 the manner in which he was called into service has already been stated. His place of abode the whole time was the County of Charlotte Va
- 4 after the close of the War he removed to Stokes County N. Carolina, where he lived about twenty years – from there he removed to the County of Bledsoe in the state of Tennessee, where he remained for some years; he cannot say how long – from thence he removed to the County of White where he now resides.
5. He does not remember of being acquainted with any of the officers of the regular army – “the General

Circumstances of his service have been carefully states as he can recollect them being now old and infirm.

6 – He received two discharges as above mentioned – they were both lost when his house was burnt, which took place before he left Virginia in Charlotte County.

7 – He refers to the following individuals to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, who can testify as to his character for Veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution – Viz. Moses Goddard James Simmons – Daniel Hollingsworth – Geo. Sparkman and Rev'd Arnold Moss and Grief Smallman

He has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any living witness to prove his services

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. Sworn to and subscribed the date above

David hisXmark Coulson